



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the Application of

Francesco MEHLEM

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF RESPONSE PERIOD**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. §41(a)(8)**

Commissioner of Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22314-1450

Sir:

Petition is hereby made to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2003, for three months, so as to expire December 1, 2003 (the six-month date was November 30, 2003 which fell on a Sunday).

Submitted herewith is our Check No. 20627 inclusive of the amount of \$475.00 in payment for:

- Extension for response filed within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.117(a) [\$110.00 (\$55.00, if qualified small entity)].
- Extension for response filed within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.117(b) [\$410.00 (\$205.00, if qualified small entity)].
- Extension for response filed within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.117(c). [\$950.00 (\$475.00, if qualified small entity)].

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 19-4375.

Date: Dec. 1, 2003

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